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Application No. 09/742,268

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor: Arne Hengerer et al.
Application No.: 09/784,721
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Title: Networked Expert System for the Automated Evaluation and
Quality Control of Medical Point of Care Laboratory
Measuring Data
Examiner: Christopher L. Gilligan
Art Unit: 3626

Preliminary Amendment filed with a Request for Continued Examination

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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination. The Preliminary Amendment responds to the Office Action dated December 1, 2005 for which a shortened statutory period of three months ending March 1, 2006 was set in which to respond, the following amendments and comments are submitted and reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that in view of the attached Certificate of Mailing this response is timely. No fee is believed due. However, if a fee is due, please charge the additional fee to Deposit Account 19-2179.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.